

to all the general restrictions imposed upon railroad companies or corporations by the laws of this State; and the said incorporation heretofore perfected before the said Secretary of State is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

SEC. 2. The said "The Raleigh and Cape Fear Railway Company" shall have the right to maintain and operate its railway as already constructed from a point near the city of Raleigh, in Wake County, to the village of Sippahaw, in said county of Wake, and to change the route thereof if desired, and shall have the power at any time hereafter to construct an extension of its said road and maintain and operate the same from the said point near the city of Raleigh into the said city of Raleigh, with the consent of the proper authorities of said city, and beyond the said city into Wake County, and also from the said terminus at the village of Sippahaw or from any point on said portion of railroad already constructed to some point on the Atlantic coast between the town of Southport, North Carolina and the town of Beaufort, North Carolina, and for that purpose is empowered to pass through any portion of the counties of Wake, Johnston, Wayne, Harnett, Sampson, Duplin, Onslow, Cumberland, Bladen, Pender, Richmond, Brunswick and New Hanover as it may desire; and along all of said route the said company shall have the right and is empowered to locate, construct, equip, maintain and operate a railroad or railroads, or any part thereof, with one or more tracks, either narrow or standard guage, and to that end shall have the right to acquire by purchase, gift or condemnation such lands as may be necessary for its purposes, and in the operation of its said railroad or railroads the said company shall have the right to use such motive power as it may desire.

Power to maintain and operate line of railway already constructed, and to construct, maintain and operate extension.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall have and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges that are granted to railway corporations by the general laws of the State, and shall continue to have and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges which were granted to it by its said incorporation before the Secretary of State, except as the same may be herein limited, enlarged or modified, and the title to any and all property, real, personal or mixed heretofore acquired by it shall be unaffected by this special act of incorporation, and this act shall not in any way release or relieve the said corporation from any liabilities heretofore incurred by contract or otherwise, and all the acts heretofore performed or executed by the said corporation are hereby declared to be binding upon the corporation chartered by this act, it being the purpose of this act simply to continue by virtue of special legislative act the existence of the corporation heretofore formed under the general law, and, without depriving it in any way of any of its rights, privileges or powers heretofore acquired, to extend and enlarge the same as hereinafter set forth.

To have powers and privileges granted to railway corporations under general laws, and special powers granted by former incorporation not afterwards limited.

To hold title to property heretofore acquired.

Not to be released from former liabilities.